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2013 March Summerfallow and Seeding Intentions

Statistics Canada's March 2013 survey of seeding intentions indicates that Saskatchewan farmers plan to seed 35.1 million acres to the major grains, oilseeds, and specialty crops. This is:

- up one per cent from 2012 seeded area of 34.7 million acres (area of same crops)
- up seven per cent from the ten-year (2003-2012) average of 32.7 million acres (area of same crops)

Saskatchewan producers plan to increase the area seeded to:

- spring wheat – up 17 per cent to 9.9 million acres
- durum – up eight per cent to 4.4 million acres
- oats – up 35 per cent to 1.8 million acres
- flax – up 37 per cent to 1.1 million acres
- peas – up one per cent to 2.3 million acres
- mustard – up 17 per cent to 280 thousand acres

The survey results indicate that producers plan to decrease seeded area of:

- barley – down two per cent to 2.6 million acres
- canola – down 11 per cent to 10.0 million acres
- lentils – down 18 per cent to 2.0 million acres
- canary seed – down 37 per cent to 190 thousand acres
- chickpeas – down 14 per cent to 155 thousand acres

The area of winter wheat remaining after winter kill is expected to decrease by 34 per cent from 2012 to 370 thousand acres. The total of fall rye is expected to be down from 2012 by 43 per cent to 85 thousand acres.

Summerfallow area in Saskatchewan is expected to be down 21 per cent from 2012 at 2.5 million acres which, if realized, would be a new low.

The March Seeding Intentions Survey covered 13,805 Canadian farmers and was carried out from March 25 to April 3, 2013. In Saskatchewan, 4,246 farmers were surveyed.

Early indications for planting in 2013 show increases in spring wheat and durum compared with 2012 with a possible decrease in canola acreage. Indications also show corn for grain and soybean acreage could reach new record highs nationally. Some farmers reported that they were still undecided about their strategies for 2013 as snow lingered in fields in many parts of Canada at the time of the survey.

2013 Estimates of Principal Field Crop Area

Saskatchewan	2013 Seeded Area Intentions '000 acres	2012 Seeded Area Actual '000 acres	2013/2012 %
Winter Wheat	370.0	560.0	- 33.9
Spring Wheat	9 870.0	8 435.0	17.0
Durum	4 420.0	4 100.0	7.8
Oats	1 780.0	1 315.0	35.4
Barley	2 560.0	2 625.0	- 2.5
Fall Rye	85.0	150.0	- 43.3
Flax*	1 060.0	775.0	36.8
Canola	10 000.0	11 220.0	- 10.9
Mixed Grains	n.a.	n.a.	
Sub Total	**30 145.0**	**29 180.0**	3.3
Mustard	280.0	240.0	16.7
Sunflower Seed	n.a.	n.a.	
Lentils	2 000.0	2 430.0	- 17.7
Dry Peas	2 345.0	2 325.0	0.9
Canary Seed	190.0	300.0	- 36.7
Triticale	n.a.	20.0	
Chick Peas	155.0	180.0	- 13.9
Total	**35 115.0**	**34 675.0**	1.3
Summerfallow	2 525.0	3 200.0	- 21.1
Canada			
Winter Wheat	2 138.3	2 087.6	2.4
Spring Wheat	19 374.5	16 938.8	14.4
Durum	5 105.0	4 680.0	9.1
Oats	3 379.2	2 853.8	18.4
Barley	7 239.7	7 404.9	- 2.2
Fall Rye	235.0	305.0	- 23.0
Flax*	1 240.0	980.0	26.5
Canola	19 132.6	21 531.0	- 11.1
Mixed Grains	249.1	250.0	- 0.4
Sub Total	**58 093.4**	**57 031.1**	1.9
Mustard	345.0	335.0	3.0
Sunflower Seed	95.0	100.0	- 5.0
Lentils	2 063.0	2 515.0	- 18.0
Dry Peas	3 430.0	3 340.0	2.7
Canary Seed	190.0	300.0	- 36.7
Triticale	n.a.	45.0	
Chick Peas	155.0	200.0	- 22.5
Total	**64 371.4**	**63 866.1**	0.8
Summerfallow	3 522.0	4 485.0	- 21.5

* excludes Solin

Saskatchewan Seeded Area, 1994-2013

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	Winter Wheat	Spring Wheat	Durum	Oats	Barley	Fall Rye	Spring Rye	Flax	Canola
	thousand acres								
1994	30.0	11 100.0	4 750.0	1 800.0	3 800.0	230.0	60.0	1 050.0	6 600.0
1995	75.0	11 780.0	4 500.0	1 500.0	4 300.0	210.0	20.0	1 300.0	6 200.0
1996	115.0	13 900.0	4 150.0	2 200.0	4 700.0	185.0	20.0	860.0	3 900.0
1997	75.0	12 550.0	4 550.0	2 000.0	4 500.0	175.0	15.0	1 100.0	5 600.0
1998	90.0	9 725.0	6 000.0	2 300.0	4 050.0	230.0	20.0	1 400.0	6 250.0
1999	90.0	10 785.0	3 600.0	2 000.0	4 250.0	190.0	15.0	1 400.0	6 600.0
2000	145.0	9 685.0	5 350.0	1 800.0	5 100.0	120.0	15.0	1 000.0	5 900.0
2001	220.0	10 700.0	4 300.0	1 950.0	4 600.0	110.0	15.0	1 170.0	4 750.0
2002	150.0	9 785.0	4 975.0	2 470.0	5 050.0	70.0	15.0	1 230.0	4 315.0
2003	150.0	9 630.0	4 900.0	1 900.0	5 100.0	180.0	25.0	1 400.0	5 700.0
2004	170.0	9 185.0	4 400.0	1 925.0	4 450.0	170.0	20.0	1 350.0	6 000.0
2005	140.0	8 200.0	4 825.0	1 850.0	4 450.0	160.0	n.a.	1 450.0	6 300.0
2006	236.8	9 575.0	3 224.6	2 316.8	3 522.5	214.2	n.a.	1 544.9	5 977.3
2007	450.0	7 385.0	4 000.0	2 700.0	4 300.0	130.0	n.a.	1 075.0	7 535.0
2008	550.0	7 500.0	5 100.0	2 150.0	3 750.0	150.0	n.a.	1 250.0	7 700.0
2009	400.0	7 930.0	4 730.0	1 820.0	3 450.0	130.0	n.a.	1 360.0	8 150.0
2010	190.0	7 290.0	2 790.0	990.0	2 135.0	105.0	n.a.	710.0	8 500.0
2011	210.0	7 460.0	3 475.0	1 400.0	2 175.0	105.0	n.a.	535.0	9 900.0
2012	560.0	8 435.0	4 100.0	1 315.0	2 625.0	150.0	n.a.	775.0	11 220.0
2013	370.0	9 870.0	4 420.0	1 780.0	2 560.0	85.0	n.a.	1 060.0	10 000.0
2003-12 average	305.7	8 259.0	4 154.5	1 836.7	3 595.8	149.4	n.a.	1 145.0	7 698.2

	Mixed Grains	Dry Peas	Triticale	Mustard Seed	Sunflower Seed	Lentils	Canary Seed	Chick-peas	Total
	thousand acres								
1994	70.0	1 110.0	40.0	700.0	60.0	830.0	480.0	n.a.	32 717
1995	50.0	1 350.0	30.0	550.0	40.0	735.0	330.0	n.a.	32 975
1996	70.0	900.0	35.0	490.0	25.0	690.0	520.0	n.a.	32 767
1997	60.0	1 500.0	30.0	560.0	35.0	780.0	250.0	25.9	33 809
1998	50.0	1 900.0	70.0	580.0	40.0	900.0	450.0	96.0	34 155
1999	60.0	1 520.0	90.0	585.0	65.0	1 210.0	340.0	350.0	33 155
2000	60.0	2 240.0	80.0	465.0	25.0	1 660.0	360.0	680.0	34 690
2001	140.0	2 550.0	45.0	330.0	20.0	1 720.0	360.0	1 100.0	34 081
2002	120.0	2 135.0	90.0	600.0	30.0	1 320.0	580.0	430.0	33 366
2003	50.0	2 145.0	90.0	675.0	45.0	1 250.0	570.0	130.0	33 940
2004	50.0	2 375.0	75.0	600.0	30.0	1 800.0	820.0	100.0	33 520
2005	40.0	2 550.0	65.0	400.0	30.0	1 960.0	435.0	165.0	33 020
2006	150.8	2 430.5	65.3	268.2	n.a.	1 400.0	326.2	278.2	31 531
2007	40.0	2 925.0	80.0	375.0	8.0	1 435.0	425.0	380.0	33 243
2008	30.0	3 165.0	50.0	370.0	n.a.	1 745.0	390.0	110.0	34 010
2009	90.0	2 875.0	70.0	405.0	n.a.	2 355.0	355.0	80.0	34 200
2010	30.0	2 610.0	60.0	370.0	n.a.	3 340.0	365.0	205.0	29 690
2011	n.a.	1 700.0	30.0	265.0	n.a.	2 460.0	275.0	105.0	30 095
2012	n.a.	2 325.0	20.0	240.0	n.a.	2 430.0	300.0	180.0	34 675
2013	n.a.	2 345.0	n.a.	280.0	n.a.	2 000.0	190.0	155.0	35 115
2003-12 average	n.a.	2 510.0	60.5	396.8	n.a.	2 017.5	426.1	173.3	32 729

Source: Statistics Canada
n.a. : not available

Saskatchewan Tame Hay, 1993-2012 **Summerfallow Acreage**

	Seeded '000 acres	Harvested '000 acres	tonnes/ acre	thousand tonnes	thousand acres
1993	2 800.0	2 800.0	0.91	2 540.1	13 000.0
1994	3 100.0	3 100.0	1.29	3 991.6	12 500.0
1995	2 950.0	2 950.0	0.74	2 177.2	12 200.0
1996	2 785.1	2 785.1	1.22	3 401.9	10 950.0
1997	2 800.0	2 800.0	0.58	1 632.9	9 900.0
1998	3 050.0	2 815.0	1.00	2 812.3	9 600.0
1999	3 500.0	3 125.0	1.32	4 127.7	10 500.0
2000	3 750.0	3 530.0	1.07	3 764.8	8 400.0
2001	3 950.0	3 050.0	0.70	2 131.9	7 800.0
2002	4 275.0	3 300.0	0.63	2 086.5	7 400.0
2003	4 500.0	4 075.0	0.71	2 903.0	6 250.0
2004	4 800.0	4 375.0	1.13	4 944.2	6 000.0
2005	5 150.0	4 450.0	1.30	5 806.0	5 800.0
2006	5 346.7	4 300.0	1.28	5 488.5	6 001.3
2007	5 200.0	4 285.0	1.26	5 388.7	4 800.0
2008	5 100.0	4 385.0	0.97	4 263.8	4 025.0
2009	4 935.0	4 260.0	0.88	3 728.5	3 800.0
2010	4 800.0	4 000.0	1.63	6 531.7	8 300.0
2011	4 660.3	3 850.0	1.47	5 669.9	7 900.0
2012	4 600.0	3 895.0	1.31	5 121.1	3 200.0
2013	n.a.				2 525.0
2004-13 average	4 909.2	4 187.5	1.19	4 984.5	5 607.6

n.a.: not available
Source: Statistics Canada